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REMARKS

Claims 1-12, 15 and 16, as amended, remain herein.

Applicants appreciate the statements in the Office Action that claims 5, 6, 11 and 12 would be allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the independent claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite all of the limitations of allowable claim 5, and claim 7 has been amended to recite all of the limitations of allowable claim 11, thereby making claims 1-4, 6 and 8-12 allowable.

Allowable claim 5 has been reworded in independent form by further reciting all of the limitations of claim 13, together with edits replacing the term "frame" with "picture or audio data" and the term "video frame" with "picture per screen" in the former wording of claim 5, for consistency, and therefore is allowable.

Allowable claim 11 has been reworded in independent form by further reciting all of the limitations of claim 14, together with edits replacing the term "head frame" with "picture or audio data," the term "video frame" with "picture per screen"

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and "audio frame" with "audio data" in the former wording of claim 11, for consistency, and therefore is allowable. Claims 13 and 14 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 15 and 16 have been added. Claim 15, depending from allowable claim 1, recites wherein the display output order information is a temporal reference defined by the MPEG standard, and claim 16, depending from allowable claim 7, recites wherein the display output order information is a temporal reference defined by the MPEG standard. See applicants' specification, page 24, lines 16-20.

1. Claims 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 10, 13 and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Daum et al. U.S. Patent 5,815,634, and claims 3 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Daum '634. Claims 13 and 14 have been cancelled and claims 1-4 and 7-10 are allowable as explained herein.

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All claims 1-12, 15 and 16 and are now proper in form and patentably distinguished over all grounds of rejection stated in the Office Action. Accordingly, allowance of all claims 1-12, 15 and 16 is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action by the applicants would be desirable to place this application in even better condition for issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone applicants' undersigned representatives.

Respectfully submitted,

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